Louisiana Wild Alligator Seasons, 1972-2009

Year	Season Dates	No. of Days	Parishes
1972	Sept. 5 – 17	13	Cameron
1973	Sept. 10 – 28	19	Added Vermilion
1974	Season Closed – Endangered Species Act of 1973		
1975	Sept. 20 – Oct. 19	30	Added Calcasieu
1976	Sept. 9 – Oct. 8	30	No change
1977	Sept. 1 – 30	30	No change
1978	Season Closed – CITES [1]		
1979	Sept. 7 – Oct. 7	31	Coastwide [2]
1980	Sept. 4 – Oct. 4	31	No change
1981	Aug. 31 – Sept. 30	31	Statewide
1982	Sept. 4 – Oct. 3	30	Statewide
1983	Sept. 10 – Oct. 9	30	Statewide
1984	Sept. 8 – Oct. 7	30	Statewide
1985	Aug. 31 – Sept. 30	31	Statewide
1986	Sept. 6 – Oct. 6	31	Statewide
1987	Sept. 5 – Oct. 5	31	Statewide
1988	Sept. 10 – Oct. 10	31	Statewide
1989	Sept. 9 – Oct. 8	30	Statewide
1990	Sept. 1 – 30	30	Statewide
1991	Aug. 31 – Sept. 29	30	Statewide
1992	Sept. 10 – Oct. 4	25	Statewide
1993	Sept. 11 – Oct. 10	30	Statewide
1994	Sept. 3 – Oct. 2	30	Statewide
1995	Sept. 2 – Oct. 1	30	Statewide
1996	Sept. 7 – Oct. 6	30	Statewide
1997	Sept. 6 – Oct. 5	30	Statewide
1998	Sept. 2 – Oct. 1	30	Statewide
1999	Sept. 1 – 30	30	Statewide
2000	Aug. 30 – Sept. 30	32	Statewide
2001	Aug. 29 – Sept. 30	33	Statewide
2002	Aug. 28 – Sept. 30	34	Statewide
2003	Sept. 3 – Oct. 2	30	Statewide
2004	Sept. 1 – Sept. 30	30	Statewide
2005 [3]	Sept. 14 – Oct. 30	47	Statewide
2006	Sept. 6 – Oct. 5	30	Statewide
2007 [4]	Aug. 29 – Sept. 27/Sept. 5 – Oct. 4	30/30	East Zone/West Zone
2008 [5]	Aug. 27 – Oct. 19/Sept. 3 – Oct. 19	54/47	East Zone/West Zone
2009	Aug. 26 – Sept. 24/Sept. 2 – Oct. 1	30/30	East Zone/West Zone

1 CITES – Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora
2 Added Iberia, St. Mary, Terrebonne, Lafourche, St. Charles, Jefferson, Plaquemines, St. Bernard and St. Tammany
3 The wild alligator season starting date was delayed one week and the ending date was extended three weeks due to impacts from Hurricanes Katrina and Rita
4 State was divided into alligator hunting zones (east and west) from 2007 to present
5 Season was extended due to Hurricanes Gustav and Ike